External Assistance for Jurala Hydro-Electric Project

*325. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought external assistance for Jurala Hydro-Electric Project;

(b) if so, the amount of external assistance sought for this project;

(c) whether any external assistance has been earmarked for this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) to (d) Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought external assistance for the Jurala Hydro-electric Scheme (6×36.9 MW). The project has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority at an estimated cost of Rs. 452.91 Crores. The project was posed for financial assistance from Overseas Development Administration (ODA) of the Government of U.K. However, the Government of U.K. have conveyed their inability to assist the project since they are of the view that the rehabilitation and resettlement plans of the project do not meet their requirements.

Narcotics Seizure From International Drug Syndicate Members

*326. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international drug syndicate members arrested and heroin was seized by the South Zonal Unit of the Narcotics Control Bureau in October, 1995 as reported in the 'Hindu' dated the 15th October, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether these drug syndicate members have connections with any politician?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A drug syndicate was busted by the Madras Zonal Unit of NCB on 01.10.95 with a seizure of 3.500 kg of heroin in which 6 persons were also arrested under the NDPS Act. This syndicate was supplying drugs to various Sri Lankan groups based in South India for ultimate export to Sri Lanka and other destinations in Europe.

(c) The investigations so far have not shown any such connections.

Case Against ITDC Officials by CBI

*327. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI is contemplating to register a case of duping ITDC of Rs. 12.00 lacs;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the said case CBI indicated some officers of ITDC;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken in the said case as recommended by CBI; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the Disciplinary Authority for not taking action?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) CBI had registered a regular case on 11.3.93 against Shri Ramdass under Section 420 IPC for deceiving the Ashok Hotel to the tune of Rs. 11,47,545.87 C.B.I. has reported in March 1993 that Shri Ramdass was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. CBI subsequently filed a charge sheet on 9.11.93 in the court of Metropolitan Megistrate, Delhi against Shri Ramdass and M/s Durga Containers Ltd. The case is pending trial at final stage. No officer of ITDC has been indicted in the said case.